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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LEBANON

REF: STATE 119730

1. AFTER WE HAD DISCUSSED THE UNSC ASPECTS OF YOUR MESSAGE, FAHMY AND I HAD A BRIEF AND UNINFORMATIVE DISCUSSION ON LEBANON. HE APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THAT MESSAGE ABOUT OUR ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON, BUT REMAINED CRITICAL OF OUR HANDLING OF THE LEBANESE SITUATION. IT HAS INDEED BECOME SERIOUS, HE EMPHASIZED, AND RECALLED HE HAD WARNED US THAT OUR SUPPORT OF SYRIAN ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON WOULD LEAD TO A CONTINUATION OF THE PROBLEM. (HE TOLD BRITISH AMBASSADOR OUR SUPPORT OF SYRIAN ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON WOULD LEAD TO AN "EXPLOSION.") HE NOTED AL-FATAH HAS NOW PUBLICLY CRITICIZED SYRIAN INVOLVEMENT. HE PROFESSED TO HAVE NO SPECIFIC IDEAS ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE AND WAS CLEARLY UNWILLING TO BE DRAWN OUT ON EGYPTIAN VIEWS RE CURRENT LEBANESE SITUATION.

2. I GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE EGYPTIANS ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN SOUNDING OUT THE VIEWS OF THEIR FRIENDS IN LEBANON-- JUMBLATT, ARAFAT, AHDAB, AND LT. KHATIB. ASKED ABOUT LAA REPRESENTATIVE

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QUBAYSI'S RECENT MEETING WITH HIM (CAIRO 6643), FAHMY

CLAIMED QUBAYSI HAD SIMPLY REPORTED SYRIAN PRESSURE ON
LEBANESE NATIONALIST ELEMENTS. FAHMY WOULD NOT SAY
WHETHER QUBAYSI HAD ASKED FOR HELP AND, IF SO, WHAT
EGYPTIAN REACTION HAD BEEN.

3. SINCE FAHMY IS BOUND TO FIND OUT, I TOLD HIM DEAN
BROWN WILL BE IN CAIRO NEXT WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH A
PRIVATE CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY GORDON HOXIE OF THE
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE PRESIDENCY. FAHMY SAID
THAT IF HE IS IN CAIRO AT THAT TIME, HE WOULD LIKE
ME TO BRING BROWN BY TO SEE HIM. I ASSUME THERE
IS NO OBJECTION.
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